



# **Carbon Capture Corporation**

**Economic and Technology  
Advancement Advisory Committee**

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# The Concept

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### – Integrate

- Peak Power Production Plant
- Carbon Capture Technology
- Algae-Based Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Absorption

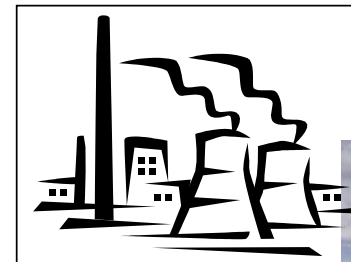
Power Plant

CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

Algae CO<sub>2</sub> Fixation

### – Deliver

- CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Free Energy
- Scalable CO<sub>2</sub> Mitigation Solution through Photosynthetic CO<sub>2</sub> Absorption in Algae
- Algae as a By-Product
  - Biological Food Source
  - Biofuel



Power Plant Emissions

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Scrubber



Algae Farm





# The Company

- **Privately Held, Based in La Jolla & Imperial Valley, California**
- **Management, R&D Staff & Consultants Include:**

- ✓ **Paul Engh**, CEO
- ✓ **Craig Metz**, EVP
- ✓ **Bernard Raemy**, Energy Development
- ✓ **Ed Hale**, Government Relations
- ✓ **Martin Gordon**, Process Development
- ✓ **Jim DeMattia**, Aquatic Biology
- ✓ **Bill Engler**, CEO and Founder, Aquafarms, Advisory Board
- ✓ **Andrew Benedek**, Founder, ZENON Environmental, Advisory Board
- ✓ **Tom Daniel, M.D., President**, Research at Celgene, Advisory Board
- ✓ **Don Engh**, Mechanical Engineering
- ✓ **Stuart Bussell, Ph.D.**, Process Development Advisor
- ✓ **Dallas Weaver, Ph.D.**, Consultant
- ✓ **Alina Tan**, Consultant
- ✓ **Leo Sullivan**, Legal Affairs



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One 40-Acre Site (Calipatria, CA),  
Over 800 Acres Acquired To Date in  
Imperial valley, CA



# Testing Program

Test Program	Equipment	Status
Phase 1	Diesel Generator (5 hp)	Complete (Proof of Concept)
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two 30 kW LPG Capstone 330</li> <li>➤ One Diesel Engine (80 hp)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preliminary Test Results</li> <li>➤ Testing in Progress</li> <li>➤ Test Results Late 2007</li> </ul>
Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One 1 MW Gas Turbine (Natural Gas)</li> <li>➤ One 2.5 MW Engine (Bio Diesel)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In Design / Fabrication</li> <li>➤ Test Results Mid 2008</li> </ul>
Phase 4	46 MW Gas Turbine (Natural Gas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Permits Secured</li> <li>➤ Interconnection Expected Spring 2008</li> <li>➤ Commercial Operation Targeted Spring 2009</li> </ul>



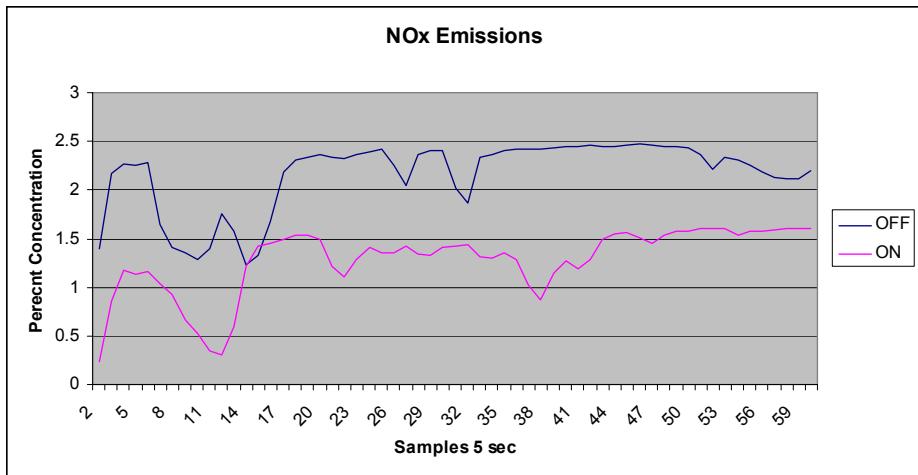
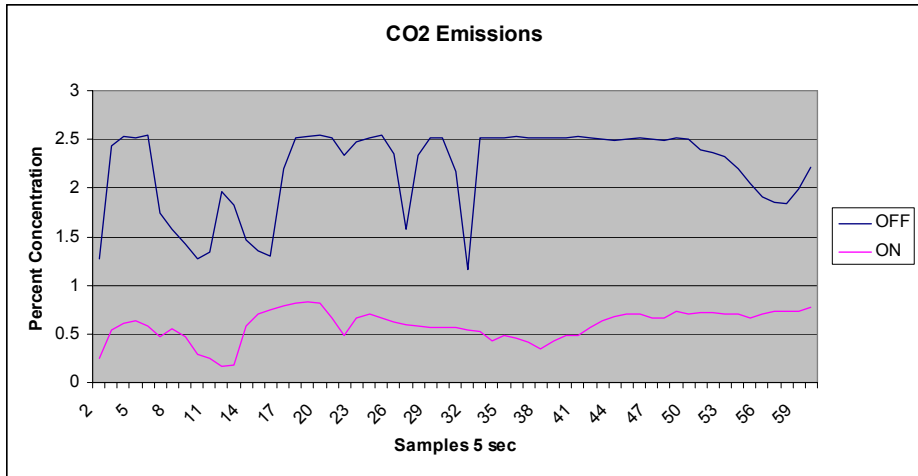


# Air Quality Monitoring Test # 2: June 2, 2007



## Testo 350-S Control - XL Analyzer

- 5 HP Diesel Engine (idle)
- Using 6 of 7 Chambers within Column
  - CO<sub>2</sub>: **72%** Reduction
  - NO<sub>x</sub>: 41% Reduction
  - CO : 15% Reduction







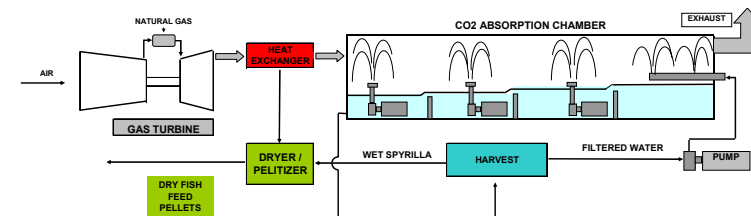
# Air Quality Monitoring

## Test # 3: Preliminary Indications



Air Velocity [ft/min]	CO <sub>2</sub> in [%]	CO <sub>2</sub> Capture [%]
900	1.51	11
300	1.51	29
200	1.51	41
200	4.56*	40

\* Pure CO<sub>2</sub> Added





# Pond/Algae Production

- **What limits algae growth rates**

- Light levels -- self shading increases with increasing density
- CO<sub>2</sub> -- Available CO<sub>2</sub> in the growth medium
  - Available CO<sub>2</sub> is a function of pH and alkalinity
  - At pH > 10.5 and alkalinity of 200 meq/l the partial pressure = 4 ppmv; at pH 11 pp = 0.4 ppm
- Nutrients
  - Fixed N as NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ; some species can fix N<sub>2</sub>
    - Spirulina can't fix nitrogen, must be supplied
  - Soluble P -- as PO<sub>4</sub><sup>---</sup>
  - Potassium
  - Trace elements : Fe, Zn, B(OH)<sub>3</sub>, Co, Mn, Se, other?

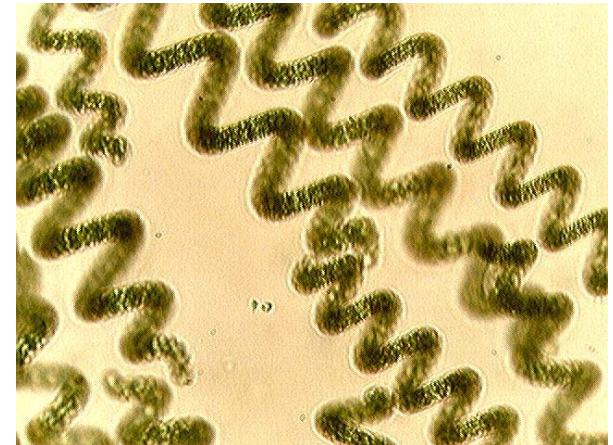
- **Observed growth rate limits**

- With high sun light, reasonable densities (light at the bottom) and unlimited nutrients
  - CO<sub>2</sub> becomes rate limiting as the free CO<sub>2</sub> (dissolved in the medium) or partial pressure gets down to the few ppmv range
  - A common situation in high rate algae pond waste treatment systems, even when they have significant CO<sub>2</sub> being added from BOD metabolism.
  - The daily pH and partial pressure variation depends upon the alkalinity -
    - Alkalinity up, variation down



# Carbonate/CO<sub>2</sub> System

- $\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(\text{l}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ 
  - Hydration is slow step in process -- carbonic anhydrase
  - Reason for large liquid inventory in CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubber -- need reaction time
  - Solubility as per Henrys law -- not huge
    - $\text{CO}_2(\text{l}) \approx 0.029 \cdot \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  (partial pressure in atm)
- $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$ 
  - These reactions are all very fast
  - Equilibrium constants
    - $\text{PK}_1 = \sim 5.9$
    - $\text{pK}_2 = \sim 9.2$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$
- $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$







# 46 MW – Peaker Project Development Update



- **Real Estate Completed**
  - Acquired 160 Acres in March of 2007
- **Permitting Completed**
  - Conditional Use Permit from Imperial County Planning Department
  - Authority To Construct from Imperial Valley Air Pollution Control District
- **Interconnection**
  - Queue Position Secured with Imperial Irrigation District in March of 2007
  - System Impact and Facility Studies in Progress
- **Equipment Supply**
  - Contract Negotiations with Equipment and Services Suppliers
- **Marketing**
  - Preliminary Discussions with Various Off-Takers
  - Possibility to Build and Operate Merchant During the first Two Years